A minor is meant to complement both the student’s career goals and the major(s) they have chosen. With generations living longer than ever, the need for gerontologically focused students is ever growing. By adding a Gerontology minor, students become marketable in a wide array of fields and open themselves up to a love of working with older adults and investigating the process of aging. A minor adds an extra credential to your resume, give you a unique edge in the job market or graduate school applications and will give you additional employment opportunities.

The minor in Gerontology is a 15-credit-hour program of study which includes 6 credit hours of required courses and 9 credit hours of electives taken from a list of approved gerontology courses.
Required courses (6 credit hours):
GERON 315 - Introduction to Gerontology Credits: 3
GERON 510 – Aging in America: Policy & Advocacy Credits: 3

Elective courses – (9 credit hours)Students may choose from a list of almost 40 options, allowing students to customize learning based on their interests and anticipated career path. Specific classes exist within the following departments:

CNRES: CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND TRAUMA STUDIES
FNDH: FOOD, NUTRITION, DIETETICS, AND HEALTH
HDFS: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES
GERON: GERONTOLOGY
HIST: HISTORY
HM: HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

ID: INTERIOR DESIGN
KIN: KINESIOLOGY
PFP: PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING
PHILO: PHILOSOPHY
PSYCH: PSYCHOLOGY
SOCI: SOCIOLOGY
SOCWK: SOCIAL WORK
THTRE: THEATRE
## Required and elective gerontology courses

### Health and Human Sciences
- GERON 315 Intro to Gerontology (3)
- GERON 400 Biogerontology (3)
- GERON 501 Culture Change in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 502 Measuring Change in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 503 Creating Home in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 504 Strengthening Staff in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 505 Dining in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 506 Activities in Long Term Care (1)
- GERON 510 Aging in America: Policy & Advocacy (3)
- GERON 600 Seminar in Gerontology (3)
- GERON 605 Practicum in Gerontology (1-3)
- GERON 610 Seminar in Long-Term Care (3)
- GERON 615 Long-Term Care Internship (9)
- GERON 620 Problems in Gerontology (1-3)
- GERON 705 Sexuality and Aging (3)
- GERON 710 Creativity and Aging (3)
- GERON 715 Aging Veterans (3)
- GERON 720 Design for Aging in Mod. World (3)

### Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design
- ID 651 Design for Supportive Environ. (3)

### Foods, Nutrition, Dietetics & Health
- FNDH 132 Basic Nutrition (3)
- FNDH 352 Personal Wellness (3)
- FNDH 400 Human Nutrition (3)
- FNDH 510 Life Span Nutrition (2)
- FNDH 720 Admin. Of Health Care Org. (3)

### History
- HIST 520 Death and Dying in History (3)
- HIST 534 Social History of Medicine (3)

### Human Development & Family Studies
- HDFS 510 Human Development and Aging (3)
- CNRES 530 Coping with Life Crises (3)
- CNRES 537 Elder & Family Decision Making (3)
- CNRES 539 Grief/Loss Across the Lifespan (3)
- HDFS 654 Death and the Family (3)
- PFP 764 Estate Planning for Families (3)

### Kinesiology
- KIN 335 Physiology of Exercise (3)

### Music, Theatre, and Dance
- THTRE 664 Creative Drama (3)
- THTRE 665 Drama Ther./Spec. Populations (3)
- THTRE 675 Drama Therapy/ Older Adults (3)

### Philosophy
- PHILO 365 Medical Ethics (3)

### Psychological Sciences
- PSYCH 518 Introduction to Health Psych (3)
- PSYCH 520 Life-Span Personality Dev. (3)
- PSYCH 715 Psychology of Aging (3)

### Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work
- SOCIO 535 Population Dynamics (3)
- SOCIO 544 Social Gerontology (3)
- SOCWK 320 Dynamics of Working with Older Adults (3)

Other courses may be approved for gerontology credit on a case by case basis. Contact the Center on Aging advisor for more information at 785-532-5945 or gerontology@k-state.edu. See https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/aging/academics/ugrad/course-schedule.html for current course offerings.